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EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF MRS. ANN
MANIGAULT

1754-1781

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(Continued from the January Number)

1757. Jan. 1. Mrs. Fraser l.¹ 9. Mrs. T. Smith l.² 29. Dined at the Governor's.³
April 14. Sat for my picture.⁴ 15. Mr. M. and my daughter sat for their pictures. 22. Sat again for my picture. 23. do. Mr Manigault.
May 17. I went to Mrs. Wittier's in the country.⁵ 19. Sat for my picture. 26. Mr. Bounetheau died.⁶
June 2. Sat up with Polly Stead who has been very ill 15 days. 5. Went to see do. who is still very ill. 10. Fast day. 15. Troops arrive.⁷

¹ Probably a child of Alexander Fraser and his second wife Mary Grimké. They had a son, Alexander, born according to the family record, January 1, 1756; there may be some error in copying in one or the other of these records.

² Benjamin, son of Thomas and Sarah Smith junr. born January 10, 1757 (St. Philips Register).

³ Gov. William Henry Lyttleton, who succeeded Gov. James Glen, and arrived in May, 1756 (*S. C. Gazette*, June 5, 1756).

⁴ The portrait painter was Jeremiah Theus, who came into the province before 1740, and died in May, 1774. See *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of S. C.*, no. 4, for mention of these portraits, and also for one of Peter Manigault, by Allen Ramsay.

⁵ Probably Judith Manigault, who married first James Banbury, second Thos. Writter; she lived on James Island.

⁶ John Bonnetheau buried May 26, 1757 (St. Philip's Register). He married Mary Banbury, niece of the elder Gabriel Manigault.

⁷ *S. C. Gazette*, June 23, 1757. "On Thursday and Friday last the troops lately arrived from the Northward, were landed. The Provincials are quartered just without the Town; and the Regulars are encamped upon New Market Course, where both men and camp make a fine appearance. These Troops, and those that were here before are all now under the Command of Lieut. Col. Henry Bouquett, Esq."

- July 1. Mrs. Shubrick l. 16. Our pictures came home.
 28. A visit from Col. Bocquet.⁸
 Aug. 13. Mrs. Gadsden l.⁹
 Sept. 22. I have the Rheumatism all of the week.
 Oct. 23. Mrs. Pinckney l.¹⁰ 28. Mr. Manigault to Silk-
 hope.
 Nov. 2. Mr. M. returned 3. The new Clergyman ar-
 rived (Mr. Smith).¹¹ 25. Went to Col. Ste-
 ven's ball.

⁸ Lt. Col. (afterwards General) Henry Bouquet, 1719-1765; born at Rolle, in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland; an able soldier of fortune. After serving with distinction on the continent, at the outbreak of the French and Indian war in 1754, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal American Regiment. His career in America has been well covered in *The Annals of the King's Royal Rifle Corps*, London, 1913. He died in Florida in 1765. A (manuscript) Journal kept by the Commissioners of Fortifications of South Carolina (now in the S. C. Hist. Soc.) gives several communications from Colonel Bouquet concerning the fortifications about Charles-Town, and the *Gazettes* of this period contain a number of communications from the Governor and the Assembly concerning the building and repairing of fortifications, barracks and like buildings. It is quite evident that the Province was very reluctant to furnish funds for this purpose; and there is controversy over the kind of material to be used; the new engineers demanding stone, and the local people contending for tabby. Bouquet's account of his stay in South Carolina is not very flattering; (*Annals Kings R. R. Corps*, p. 35). He complains that the provincial authorities refused to give the men decent quarters; refused even to provide them with straw; there was much desertion; Charles-Town was so unhealthy, the air so infected, that even the horses died. The Camp was full of water; the mortality great; not until the 21st of September had billets been provided for 160 men; after five months of Carolina, Col. Bouquet had but 300 men fit for duty; over and above all other troubles, there were symptoms of an epidemic of matrimony among the officers; "Captain Lander has married one of our local beauties" he wrote, "I hope it will spread no further as there is no great temptation." In February, 1758, the Assembly supplied the troops with better quarters, but too late to be of any benefit to Colonel Bouquet, who with his five companies were recalled to New York.

The marriage which so bothered him, was that of Francis Lander to Elizabeth Simpson, October 16, 1757 (St. Philip's Register), Capt. Lander about a year later is trying to sell his commission.

⁹ Thomas, son of Christopher and Mary Gadsden, born Aug. 13, 1757 (St. Philip's Register).

¹⁰ Charles son of Charles and Frances Pinckney, born Oct. 26 (*sic*) 1757. (St. Philip Register.)

¹¹ Rev. Robert Smith, D.D. (1732-1801) Bishop of South Carolina from 1795 to his death. See Dalcho pp. 214-219 for sketch.

1758. Feb. 16. Dined at the Governor's. 26. A great snow.
 Mar. 17. To my daughter, She was taken ill at 2 in the morning. & brought to bed at 40 minutes after 2 in the afternoon of a son¹²
 April 12. My daughter saw company for the first time.
 15. The Governor at dinner. 27. My daughters breast was lanced.
 May 17. Fast day. 19. My daughter was at Church. Col. and Mrs. Pinckney and Mrs. Allen arrived.¹³ 29. Mr. M. to Silkhope & returned 5th. June.
 June 4. Went to my Sons to see the sick child.
 July 5. My Grandson was baptized.¹⁴ Dined at my Sons.
 9. Miss E. Pagett ran away with the Rev. Mr. Smith & married at his house.¹⁵ 12. Col. Pinckney died.¹⁶ 17. Very hot weather for the

¹² Gabriel, son of Peter and Elizabeth Manigault.

¹³ Col. Charles Pinckney and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Col. George Lucas. The Pinckneys had been in England for five years, Colonel Pinckney being the Commissioner for this Province (*Eliza Pinckney*, pp. 167, 176). The news paper file of South Carolina papers is broken from August, 1757, to November, 1758, leaving a bad break at this period.

¹⁴ He was baptized by the Rev. Robert Smith (St. Philip Register).

¹⁵ She was Elizabeth Pagett (1742-1771) daughter of John Pagett (1716-1747) of St. Thomas Parish, and his wife Constantia Hasell (1721-), a daughter of Rev. Thomas Hasell and his wife Elizabeth Ashby, sister to Mrs. Ann Manigault. Constantia married first John Pagett, and second George Paddon Bond (Register of St. Thomas and St. Denis) Mrs. Ann Manigault was thus the great aunt of Elizabeth Pagett, who married the Rev. Robert Smith, and died June 8, 1771, without surviving issue. They were married by Rev. Charles Martyn of St. Andrew's parish, and an ante-nuptial marriage bond was given 8 July, 1758, by Robert Smith, clerk, to William Gibbes of Charles-Town, and Andrew Hasell of St. Thomas parish, planter . . . marriage intended between said Robert Smith, clerk, and Elizabeth Pagett, spinster, a minor, marriage settlement to be executed within three months after marriage. The marriage settlement is dated 7 October, 1758, Andrew Hasell, Gabriel Manigault, Christopher Gadsden and William Gibbes were the trustees (Probate Court, Charleston, 1758-1763, p. 103, 105). Mrs. Manigault may not have been informed concerning the approaching marriage, but from the dates of the above marriage bond, it is quite evident that some of Miss Pagett's relations or guardians had been informed, and given their consent.

¹⁶ St. Philips Register. July 13, 1758. "Was buried Charles Pinckney." He died after an illness of three weeks, of fever contracted from visiting his plantations at this season. (*Eliza Pinckney*, p. 167).

- last 5 weeks. 22. Penelope I. 29. My Grandson had the Thrush.
- Aug. 6. Mr. M. not well. 9. I was at home with the Toothache. 10. Do—bad.
- Sept. 23. Dr. Caw died.¹⁷ 26. Weather became very cold. 28. Rejoicings for Cape Breton being taken.¹⁸
- Oct. 2. Mrs. Ben: Smith l—a son. 31. Our Jemmy died.
- Nov. 5. Miss Izard was married.^{18½} 8. Mr. M. to Silkhope. I was much indisposed for a week.
- Dec. 20. Mrs. Fenwick l.¹⁹
1759. Jan'y. 16. Col. Izard died. N.B. This gentleman is very frequently mentioned in the preceding part of thie Journal, as having been received at dinner & supper.²⁰ 23. Miss Mathewes married.²¹ 24. The French minister (Mr. Himeli) & Sister at dinner²² 26; The Officers' Ball.
- Feb. 9. Mrs. Blake dined here. 13. Miss Izard married. 27. My Grandson came to be weaned.
- April 23. do. came to stay with us and was sick. 26. Geo: Austen arrived.²³
- May 2. Mrs. Allen married.²⁴ 8. Mr. Holmes married to Miss Bee.²⁵ 29. My Son & Daughter went to

¹⁷ Sept. 21, (*sic*) 1758. Was buried Dr. David Caw. (St. Phil. Reg.) He married Catherine, widow of Noah Serré, and daughter of Col. George Chicken.

¹⁸ Louisbourg finally surrendered 26 July, 1758.

^{18½} Margaret Izard married Daniel Blake. (*S. C. H. and G. Maga.*, vol. 2, p. 213).

¹⁹ Edward Fenwick married 1753 for his second wife, Mary Drayton, their son Thomas, was born in 1758.

²⁰ Col. Walter Izard, of Cedar Grove.

²¹ Anne Mathewes married to David Graeme, Esq. Attorney-General. (Salley, *S. C. Marriage Notices*.)

²² Barthelimi Henri Himili, a Swiss pastor of the French Church in Charles-Town, from 1759–1773, and again in 1785, when he returned from a long stay in Switzerland; he died in South Carolina.

²³ A merchant of Charles-Town, partner of Henry Laurens from 1748 to 1762; member of the King's Council, and held other offices; married November, 1736, Ann, widow of Capt. Philip Daws, R.N., and daughter of Elias Ball, half-sister to Eleanor Ball, wife of Henry Laurens. Ann Ball was born 1701, died 1765. (*Ball Family*, and St. Philip's Register.)

²⁴ John Deas and Elizabeth Allen, married May 3, 1759 (St. Philip's Register).

²⁵ Isaac Holmes and Rebecca Bee.

the Country, left my Grandson with me. 23.
Mrs. Stead sailed.²⁶

June 20. My Grandson with a fever very ill. Cutting his
eye teeth. His cough very bad, also a disorder
in his bowels (It must have been the
Hooping cough)²⁷

July 8. My Grandson with a fever. 25. The Doctor
(Farquharson) went to Silkhope. (This is the
first time he is mentioned in the Journal.)²⁸

Sept. 1. Mrs. Shubrick l. 24. Lady Mary²⁹ & Mrs. May-
rant l.³⁰ 30. Mr. Maine died.³¹

²⁶ *S. C. Gazette*, May 26, 1759. "Benjamin Stead, Esq., an eminent merchant of this Town, is gone with his family, in the Fleet that sailed last Wednesday, to reside in England."

²⁷ The *Gazettes* for May 26 and June 9 contain receipts for remedies for the whooping-cough, which appears to be a serious epidemic at this time.

²⁸ Dr. John Farquharson, mentioned a number of times in this Diary as "Dr. F.;" he seems to have been closely associated with the Manigault family, but is evidently not a kinsman. The S. C. Historical Society has three letters from him, two dated Silkhope, in May and June, 1756, and both addressed to Peter Manigault, Esq. Charles-Town, mentioning book loaned by Peter Manigault, and pamphlets of Mr. Wragg; "Several of the People have been ailing since you left this place with the fever & flux none have been or are now dangerously ill; the application of the ordinary means in such cases having for the most part the desired effect." The last letter, dated Charles Town, December 13, 1775; addressed; "To Gabriel Manigault Esq. to be at Benjamin Stead Esq. Merchant in London" and is as follows:

"Dear Sir

Agreeable to the kind invitation you give me to write you often; I can now with pleasure acquaint you Miss Henny has got the better of a dangerous fever of ye. slow nervous kind, Master Joe had an intermittent fever and is now recovering; I have been several times in a day at your Grandpapa's house during Master and Misses illness and was happy in giving them satisfaction in both cases; Master Joe improves in drawing & Miss Nancy & Henny in every thing proper for their age: your Grand Papa and Mama are afflicted on account of the Calamities like to befall this place, which is threatened with a Bombardment and totall ruin which it may please God to avert; your Grand-Papa gave me leave to send my things to Silk-hope 'till the danger is over; which I have done except a few necessities; Wishing God to keep you in his holy protection; 'am Dr. Sir your affec't. friend & most humble servant

John Farquharson.

²⁹ Lady Mary Drayton, wife of the Hon. Thomas Drayton.

³⁰ Mrs. Ann Mayrant, first wife of John Mayrant.

³¹ *S. C. Gazette*, October 6, 1759. Sunday last died in the Country, Charles Mayne Esq., a merchant lately retired from business.

Oct. 18. Mr. M. to Silkhope; returned 24th. I have been much troubled with a sore leg.

Nov. 1. Rejoicings for Quebec being taken³² 11. Heard of Mrs. Stead's death. 20. Governor Shirley at dinner.³³

Dec. 10. I had a very bad tooth-ache. 18. Mrs. Leigh l.³⁴ 26. My Grandson was taken with the measles. 28. Very cold.

1760. Jan. 9. The Governor returned.³⁵ 11. Mrs. Garden l. 14, Mrs. Fenwick l.

³² The *S. C. Gazette*, for Thursday, November 1, 1759, contains an account of the taking of Quebec on the 17th of September and the death of Wolfe. The news was received Tuesday evening, and celebrated on that day "by the Gentlemen near Bacon Bridge, where we hear, they fired above 150 Cannon, drank loyal Healths, &c."

³³ *S. C. Gazette*, Saturday, November 17, 1759. Account of the arrival of Lieut. General William Shirley, Esq; formerly Governor of New England, now of His Majesty's Bahama Islands, in the *Mermaid*, convoyed by the London fleet. The fleet left Cowes on the 16th September. Gov Shirley was entertained at Mr. Gordon's, where he dined and "most of the principal Gentlemen of the Town waited on His Excellency with their Compliments."

³⁴ Francis, son of Egerton and Martha Leigh, baptized 24 January 1760, (St. Philip's Register.)

³⁵ *S. C. Gaz.* Saturday, January 12, 1760. "Late Tuesday Evening, His Excellency the Governor [Lyttleton], attended by the Gentlemen who acted as Staff Officers on the late Expedition [against the Cherokees] and Capt. Gadsden with the Gentlemen of his Company of Artillery that went Volunteers, arrived in Tow from Fort Prince George, in good Health: His Excellency endeavoured to make his Entry into Town in private Manner, but Capt. Gadsden's Company hearing of his coming march'd (in their Uniforms) two Miles up the Path to meet him, where they saluted his Excellency with 3 Volleys and 3 Cheers, which they repeated afterwards at his own Door; The same Night the Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council congratulated His Excellency upon his safe Return, and gave him an invitation to an Entertainment by them ordered to be provided at Mr. Gordons the next Day. Wednesday Morning the Forts and Vessels in the Harbour fired, and displayed all their Colours; the Charles Town Regiment of Foot and Troop of Horse, were drawn up in Broad St. and as His Excellency pass'd to dine with the Council, saluted him with a general volley, immediately after a second Discharge of the Cannon from the Forts had been made. The Evening was concluded with numerous and curious illuminations, Bonfires and other Demonstrations of that Satisfaction and joy, which the almost unexpected Success of our Expedition had occasioned.

By Gentlemen who left some of the Cherokee Towns the ist. Instant, we learn, that the Indians then behaved with the utmost Humility, Complaisance and Hospitality, and seemed as if they could not shew enough Respect to the white People.

Feb. 11. Bad news from the Indians.³⁶ 14. All our Family inoculated³⁷ 21. Mrs. Roupell l. 29. Mrs. Ben: Smith died.³⁸
 April 6. The Governor sailed in the fleet.³⁹ 11 My Daughter & my Grandson were inoculated at Mrs. Harden's, I was there. 25. Fast day.⁴⁰

³⁶ *Eliza Pinckney*, pp. 197-198. Letter to Mrs. Evance, dated March 15, 1760. "A great cloud seems at present to hang over this province, we are continually insulted by the Indians on our back settlements, and a violent kind of small pox that rages in C^{rs}. Town almost puts a stop to all business. Several of those I have to transact business with are fled into the Country; . . . we expect shortly troops from Genl. Amherst wch. I trust will be able to manage these savage enemies.

. . . . The poor blacks have died very fast even by inoculation; but ye. people in C^{rs}. Town were inoculation mad, I think I may call it, and rush'd into it with such presipitation yt. I think it impossible they could have had either a proper preparation or attendance, had there been 10 Doctors in town to one. . . . We lose with this fleet our good Governor Lyttleton, he goes home in the Trent Man of Warr, before he goes to his new Government at Jamaica."

³⁷ The small-pox epidemic of 1759-60 seems to have been very severe (see note above). The first mention is in the *Gazette* for June 9, 1759, "As the small-pox has broke out on Four of Capt. Conyer's People upon Sullivan's-Island . . . 'twill be prudent in all Persons that go upon Parties of Pleasure, to avoid going ashore there, lest they be obliged to stay longer than they intended." From this time on the papers contain items concerning smallpox remedies, treatment, arguments for and against inoculations. The Assembly met in Shem Town because of the epidemic in Charles Town.

³⁸ Mrs. Anne Smith wife of Benjamin Smith, Esq. Speaker of the Common House of Assembly, *S. C. Gazette* March 1, 1760. Mrs. Roupell was Elizabeth, wife of George Roupell; the birth was probably that of George Boone Roupell, baptized November 8, 1762 (St. Philip's Register.)

³⁹ *S. C. Gazette*, April 7, 1760. Friday last His Majesty's Frigate the *Trent* sailed over the Bar and came to an Anchor on the Offing, to wait for the homeward bound Trade going under her Convoy. The same day at noon His Excellency Governor Lyttleton went down in said Frigates Barge to embarke in her for England [then follows an account of the salutes, and a very laudatory account of the Governor's services, and character, and the value of his administration; the government was administered by Lt. Gov. Wm. Bull, from 1760 to 1761. Bull was a native of the province.]

⁴⁰ Lt. Gov. William Bull's proclamation, 12 April, 1760: Fastday for Tuesday, 25th April; the province having been visited "not only with the pestilential and contagious Distemper the small-Pox, but likewise with a War, begun and carried on by the perfidious and barbarous Cherokee Indians." (*S. C. Gazette*, April 12, 1760.)

- May 3. My Grandson's face began to break out. 7. He went into the garden.
- June 4. Mr. M. to Silkhope. Ralph Izard sailed. 7. Mr. M. returned 16. A visit from Miss Himeli.
- July 6. Mrs. Drayton l. 19. Mr. Waties died.⁴¹ 26. Mrs. Godin l. 31. I had the sore throat.
- Aug. 15. Mr. Himeli & his sister supped here. Good news from the Cherokees.⁴²
- Sept. 3. Miss Mary Lejau married. Mrs. Chalmers l.⁴³ 6. Mr. Wright came in. 18. Mrs. Downes came down.
- Oct. 2. Miss Mary Wragg married.⁴⁴ 5. Great wind and rain. 7. Mr. M. had a little ague. 12. He took an emetic. 12. My son taken with a fever. 13. Very ill. 14. Took an emetic. 15. Very ill. 16. Great pain in his head. Put on a blister. 17. Better. 19. Better. 22. He dined here with my Daughter. 29. Mr. M. to Silkhope. Returned 3d. November.
- Nov. 5. My son had the fever again. Missed the 9th. 23. Miss Betsy Holmes married.⁴⁵ 26. I had a bad cold for a week.
1761. Jan. 23. I had the Rheumatism all this week.
- Feb. 2. The King proclaimed.⁴⁶ My Grandson with sore eyes. 10. He had a little fever & cold.

⁴¹ John Waties buried July 19, 1760. (St. Philip's Register.)

⁴² The Cherokee's seem to have capitulated, August 7, 1760 (*S. C. Gaz.* August 23, 1760).

⁴³ Ann Bensley Chalmers, daughter of Lionel and Martha Chalmers, born September 4, 1760 (St. Philip's Register).

⁴⁴ Benjamin Smith and Mary Wragg spinster, married, October 2, 1760 (St. Philip's Register).

⁴⁵ Thomas Farr and Elizabeth Holmes spinster, married November 23, 1760. (St. Philip's Register).

⁴⁶ George III. An account of these ceremonies is given in the *S. C. Gaz.* for February 7, 1761.

- Mar. 15. Mrs. Fenwick l. 20. The Troops marched.⁴⁷
 23. Mrs. Deas l.⁴⁸ 30. Mr Himeli and a French
 Clergyman at dinner.
- Apr. 24. Fast day. 28. Mr. & Mrs. Glen to take leave.
 I dine with them at Gordons.⁴⁹
- May 4. A terrible Storm several vessels lost and several
 people drowned. N.B. This is the memora-
 ble whirlwind.⁵⁰ 16. I went to Goose creek.
 Returned the 18th, drinking tea at the Quar-
 terhouse.

⁴⁷ On Wednesday last 4 large transport-ships, having on board the heavy baggage of his majesty's troops to be employed in the approaching campaign against the Cherokees (in conjunction with the force of this province) under the command of Col. James Grant, sailed up Cooper River for Strawberry, where they are to land the same, in order to be immediately transported in waggon to Monck's-corner; and, yesterday morning early the said troops set out on their march from hence, to begin the campaign; they consist of 4 companies of his majesty's royal or 1st. regiment, 2 companies of the xviith, 2 of the xxiid and 8 of the new raised independents; Tomorrow evening they may reach, Monck's Corner, where they will halt no longer than may be necessary.

The behaviour of these troops during their stay in Charles Town has given the greatest satisfaction to the inhabitants; who, on friday and saturday last week, were very politely complimented and agreeably entertained, by the officers of the army, with a comedy and a farce, in the Council Chamber.

The Highlanders belonging to col. Montgomery's regement who arrived last week from Providence, remain in town under the command of capt. Alexander Mackenzie. All the officers of the Provincial regiment, we hear, are ordered to join their corps by the 30th. instant, at the Congarees: from whence we learn, that the officers and the men are all healthy and in good spirits; that there has happened no late desertion, on the contrary, that several deserters have come in and surrendered themselves; and that Lieut. Little arrived at the camp last week with a considerable number of recruits from North Carolina. *S. C. Gaz.* Mar. 21, 1761.

⁴⁸ John, son of John and Elizabeth Deas, baptized April 22, 1761 (St. Philip's Register).

⁴⁹ No mention in the *Gazette*, possibly the ex Gov. James Glen and his wife; they held the Pinckney house, on the S. West corner of Tradd and East Bay, on a long lease, and may have remained in the Province until this date, (see *Eliza Pinckney*, p. 167).

⁵⁰ *S. C. Gazette*, Saturday, May 9, 1761. The inhabitants of this town have abundant reason to return their unfeigned thanks to Almighty God, for his miraculous interposition in diverting the course of a most formidable and complicated meteor, which by its direct and sudden approach, seemed to threaten us with immediate and inevitable destruction, on Monday last the 4th instant.

The weather having been cloudy and windy from S. by W. and S.W. on Sunday night, and Monday before noon the scud flying very fast; towards two o'clock P.M. some people being alarmed by an unusual noise, not unlike the rattling of many coach-wheels on a rough pavement at a little distance, ran out, and observed a stupendous thick pillar of clouds, about 30 or 35 deg. high, and seemingly 250 yards broad, moving rapidly, but somewhat in an oblique, from Wappoo-creek across Ashley-River towards the town; the clouds in view flying with great velocity from all points as if attracted into the vortex, whereby its diameter was greatly increased, so as in appearance to equal 300 fathoms.

When this alarming congestion of the elements came near the sugar house at the upper end of Broad-street, it turned again more southwardly, and followed the course of the river to Rebellion-Road, passing thence over the marsh a little north of Sullivant's-island, and through Long-island, still more northly, into the sea. In its progress down Ashley river it seemed to impel the water into a mountainous wave about 12 feet high, 'till it passed Broughton's bastion, leaving bare a great part of the river on both sides of the Channel that had never been seen dry before; irregular columns of water, of a good height rising into the clouds at the same time, which resembled pillars of white marble, from the foam the water was agitated into, and abating for the solemnity of the occasion, exhibited a grand scene in perspective, through the darker medium of opaque clouds. As the clouds were rolled over and over with astonishing confusion, bushes, branches, and leaves of trees, birds, &c. were tossed about in the storm in the most tumultuous manner; the whole being attended with a roaring, rumbling and dashing mixture of noise, lightening, thunder, and very large hail stones, the water falling rather in spouts than as rain from these complicated clouds, according to the relation of those who were exposed to it.

About the same time another water-spout, with a storm of wind came from towards the N.E., down Cooper River, part of which crossed the neck of land above the gate, and united or was attracted to the other in Ashley-River, and the remainder passed into Rebellion-Road, almost at the same instant this did.

We had a fleet of 40 sail, with its convoy, in Rebellion-Road, waiting for a wind to put to sea; but so rapid was the progress of the storm, that there was not the least time to provide for its coming, although from the formidableness of its appearance it was thought to teem with mischief; for it was but a very few minutes (3 or 5 at most) in its passage down, and laid every vessel in its course on her beam-ends, some with several streaks of their decks, and many with the ends of their top-sail yards in the water, sinking one ship, three snows, and a sloop out right, and wholly or in part dismantling many other vessels, with the loss of boats, anchors, cables, &c. and more would probably have foundered, had not the counter storm which came from the N.E. when it changes its course down Cooper-River towards the Road, instantly set them right again as they lay on their sides, the whole being over in less than two minutes; Yet notwithstanding the prodigious violence and suddenness of the storm, providentially not more than 4 lives were lost in the fleet, *viz.* Mr. Nathaniel Polbill, a passenger in Capt. Muir's vessel, and Mr. Robert Kay the captain's nephew, a man from on board capt. Maillard's ship, and a boy from capt. Clark's snow.

This awful phenomenon was probably only a whirlwind in the country,

June 1. Mr M. to Silkhope with Mr. Himeli & sister, My
Daughter & Grandson, they returned the
10th.⁶¹ 15. Mrs. Pinckney l.⁶²

which, when it came over the rivers, gave rise to a water spout. The direction of the former was not in a straight line but in a zigzag manner; for, as far as we have been able to trace it, it was first seen crossing Spoon-Savannah, about W. by S. from this; then passed in a line over Ferguson's swamp, and thence W. by N. to Mr. George Sommers's plantations at Stono, which lie W. by N. from town about 25 miles distant; at one of which it destroyed all the buildings and killed a white woman. From thence its course was to the southward of W. to-wards John's-Island where it destroyed all of Col. Alexander's Hext's buildings and fences; then it moved in a W. by S. course, leveling the buildings on the late Rev. Mr. Hutson and Mr. William Glen's plantation at Wappoo, taking off the roof of the dwelling house and destroying all the out houses on Mr. William Henderson's settlement, killing and dangerously wounding several negroes, cattle &c. It continued in a W. by S. course over Ashley-River, and forming an angle with Broughton's battery proceeded directly E. towards Rebellion-Road.

As this happened nearly at low-water, the tide instantly retired in so extraordinary a manner as to leave capt. Forten's ship dry, which rode afloat at the end of Mr. Motte's wharf, and it returned as suddenly again, and with so prodigious a swell that it was expected the ship would be thrown upon the wharf; the same happened to the other vessels that lay dry in the neighboring docks, which were in a moment filled with water. It overflowed a high bank, which spring-tides never reach, at capt. Williams' near Sullivant's-Island: And Capt. Mounsay, who was returning on board after clearing his vessel at Fort Johnson, and thought himself 4 feet above the level of the water, says, it immediately swelled so as to reach his breast, rising about 8 feet in an instant.

How far it extended into the sea, we know not; but the sloop of capt. Elias Young (who arrived here last Wednesday from Bermuda) being that after noon about 4 o'clock in 17 fathoms water, above ten leagues from the land, and five miles N. of the latitude of Sullivant's island, had her deck's covered with leaves of bushes and trees; and the master reports that altho' the wind was high all the day, yet the swell was much greater than could have been expected from such a gale, according to what usually happens at sea. . . .

⁶¹ The Manigaults and their friends do not seem to have regarded in any way the danger of being in the country in the summer, and seem to find no connection between these frequent visits to their plantations, and the attacks of fever which followed immediately. Peter Manigault had bought a country place at Goose Creek, and, as is shown in the Diary, they went there for short stays at any season of the year; later, it was considered most dangerous to be in the country after sundown, between May and November.

⁶² Mary, daughter of Charles and Frances Pinckney, born 14 June, 1761 (St. Philip's Register).

- July 1. My Grandson to the Country. 17. My daughter had a fever. 19. Very ill with the fever. 20. She was better.
- Aug. 6. My Grandson had a large Boil lanced having been much troubled with them for above 3 weeks. 25. He is still troubled with boils & also a disorder in his bowels. 29. Mrs. Cooper l. 31. A young man thought to have died of the Yellow fever.
- Sept. 5. My Son went out of Town. 8. My Daughter went out of Town 18. I went to the Quarter house to meet my Daughter & dined at Mr. Ben: Smith's. 26. Heard from my Son, he was taken with the fever yesterday. 29. Heard again. He has the fever every day. 30. Mr. M. went up to My Sons, he was better. He returned to Town with my Daughter 26. Oct.
- Oct. 6. Mrs. Gadsden my niece had a son born 7. Mr. Neeman died.⁵³ Mr M. to Silkhope, returned 2d. Nov.
- Nov. 8. Mrs. Banbury died. 26. Mrs. T. Smith l.
- Dec. 22. The Governor came in.⁵⁴
- 1762 Jan. 5. Mr. Moultrie & Miss Austin married, a runaway match.⁵⁵

⁵³ Edward Newman buried October 7, 1761 (St. Philip's Register).

⁵⁴ Tuesday last arrived here, his Excellency, Thomas Boone, Esq; his majesty's captain-general, governor, and commander in chief, in and over this province, and vice-admiral of the same [a long account of ceremonies, addresses and proclamations.] (*S. C. Gaz.*, December 26, 1761.) Boone followed Thomas Pownell, who was made Governor in 1760, but did not come out.

⁵⁵ John Moultrie, married to Eleanor, daughter of George Austin and his wife Ann Ball (see *note* 23). The Austins had two children, Eleanor born 1739, and George, born 1742 (*Ball Family*, and St. Philip's Register) also Laurens Letter Book 1762-'64, p. 171 (S. C. H. Soc.) Henry Laurens to Mathias Holmes, Liverpool. 20th. May, 1763. . . . "Mr. Austen is extremely unhappy with his polipus & is resolved to go to England in a few weeks. George goes in this ship—poor Mrs. Austen is weeping at a place about five miles from Town where she stays for fear of the Small-Pox—Mrs. Moultrie has been at deaths door for a long time & is now so low that I fear she will not Survive the Summer if her Father does not forgive her. Mrs. Laurens tryed to soften him a few days ago but all in vain tho' he did not fall into such violent outrages as the

- Feb. 6. Mrs. Godin l. 23. The Governor &c. at dinner.
 27. My Daughter had a fever.
 Mar. 18. Mr. Beale married.⁵⁶ 24. Mrs. Savage l.
 April 22. Mr. M, my Son & Daughter went to James
 Island. 30. My Daughter had fever again.
 May 2. Mr. Austin sailed⁵⁷ 8. My son, Daughter, Grand-
 son went into the Country. My Grandson re-
 turned the 19th. 9. Mrs. Ben: Smith had a
 Daughter 28. My Son & Daughter had an
 ague the 30th. was better the 31st. & went
 into the country again the 2d. June.
 June 2. Mr. M. to Silkhope; returned the 8th. 16. Lady
 Mary married (to Mr. Ainsley)⁵⁸ 24. My
 Grandson came to Town sick.
 July 11. My son Had fever. 16. Mrs. Holmes l.
 Aug. 4. Mrs. Brailsford, l.

mention of that subject used to produce in him—he was more calm but yet inflexible. I am heartily sorry for it, on his own account—& besides being wrong in its nature such conduct is a bar to that mutual intercourse and happiness which would otherwise subsist between all their friends. My family thank God are all well but my wife a little harrassed with the care of her Brother's Children under inoculation at our house."

⁵⁶ John Beale and Mary Ross spinster, married March 18, 1762 (St. Andrew's Register.)

⁵⁷ On Thursday last embarked for Philadelphia, in the schooner Pitt, for the recovery of his health, George Austen, Esq; late one of the members of his Majesty's honourable Council of this Province; who resigned his seat here last week on account of his bad state of health (*S. C. Gaz.*, May 1, 1762).

⁵⁸ Mary Mackenzie, second daughter of George Mackenzie, third earl of Cromarty (who died 1766), and his wife Isabella, daughter of Sir William Gordon, Bart, of Invergordon. George Mackenzie, with his oldest son John, afterwards Lord Macleod (B. 1727. D. 1789) joined the Stuart cause in 1745, and their estates were confiscated but later restored. Lady Mary Mackenzie married first Capt. ——— Clark, June 23, 1750; second, in 1757 Thomas Drayton, Esq.; third 17th January, 1762, John Ainsley, Esq.; fourth, January, 1776, Hon. Henry Middleton. She had a son named A. Mackenzie, for the *Morning Post* June 5, 1786 gives the arrival of "A M'Kenzie Esq; son of Lady Mary Middleton by a former marriage, after an absence of eighteen years from his family and friends." Unless he was her son by her marriage with Capt. Clark, and took the name of Mackenzie, then she must have been married five times. She died at sea, 21 November, 1788 (*Dict. Nat. Biog; Burke's Peerages; S. C. H. and G. Maga.*, vol. 1, p. 242).

Sept. 10. Mrs. Howarth l.⁵⁹

Oct. 9. My Daughter lying in of a Daughter at quarter
after nine in the morning.

Nov. 2. Mr. M. to Silkhope. My daughter saw company
for 3 days. 8. Mr. M. returned to Town.

Dec. 16. Rode out with Mr. M. 19. My daughter has a
fever and sore throat.

(To be continued)

⁵⁹ Ann, wife of Col. Probart Howarth, commander of Fort Johnson, and daughter of Childermas Croft.